Screening of Feature Films on T.V. on Sunday

898. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any set policy or guidelines in respect of screening feature films on TV on Sundays;

(b) whether films of a few regional languages only are shown on T.V.;

(c) whether on 18th March, 1990 a Marathi film was to be shown on T.V. network; and

(d) whether this film was telecast, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, a Marathi film 'Pathlaag' was tentatively allotted for telecast on March 11, 1990. It could not be eventually telecast as the negatives of this film were found to have been damaged.

Annual Traffic tax on old vehicles

899. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that withdrawal of payment of annual traffic tax on old vehicles will lead to further lawlessness and loss of revenue and control;

(b) whether this has been effected so as to reduce load on the traffic police;

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(c) whether Government propose to review the entire traffic problem involvement of motivated NGOs?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Presumably the reference is to the system of one time tax on vehicles replacing the earlier system of annual payment of motor vehicles taxes. The new system envisages lump sum payment at the initial stage of registration of a vehicle in Delhi. If a vehicle owner has already paid tax for a period of ten years, he is exempted from any payment in future. The new system of advanced collection would eliminate revenue leakage through tax evasion. It will not lead to lawlessness. The system has been introduced to simplify the system of tax collection and to benefit the vehicle owners.

(c) No such list is maintained by Delhi Police. However, the prescribed record of registered vehicles is kept by Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration.

(d) There is no such specific proposal. The Delhi Administration is keeping the traffic problems of Delhi under constant review.

महाराष्ट्र में टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के लिये प्रतीक्षा-सूची

900. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 31 मार्च, 1990 की स्थिति के अनुसार महाराष्ट्र मे टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के लिये जिलावार और केन्द्रवार कितने आवेदन प्रतीक्षा सूची मे पंजीकृत किये गये है ; और

(ख) प्रतीक्षा सूची में सभी आवेदनों को निपटने के लिये टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों की क्षमता मे वृद्धि करने हेतु अपनाये गये उपायों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र) : (क) और (ख) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही हैं और इसे सभा-पटल पर रख दिया जायेगा।

Filling of post of Chairman Shipping Corporation of India

901. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that post of the Chairman of Shipping Corporation of India remained vacant for a considerable period of time; if so, details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a panel of names for filling up the post was submitted by the Public Sector Enterprises Selection Board, if so, when;

(c) when did the present incumbent take over; and

(d) whether he was appointed from the panel of names submitted by PESB?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) The post of Chairman and Managing Director in Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. fell vacant on 21-12-1989 consequent to the expiry of the tenure of the previous incumbent.

(b) Yes, Sir. The panel of names was received earlier from the Public Enterprises Selection Board on 25-10-1989.

(c) and (d) Pending regular appointment, Shri J. C. Sheth, the seniormost Joint Managing Director in SCI is acting as Chairman and Managing Director, SCI w.e.f. 22-12-89. He did not appear before the PESM when the old panel was finalised.

Fire incidents in Jhuggis in Delhi

902. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a series of devastating fire incidents have occurred in Delhi in the clusters of jhuggis in various places in the recent past;

(b) the number of persons who died and those injured by the fire to the extent of becoming invalid;

(c) whether Government have provided any relief to the families of there fire victims so far; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any investigation has been ordered into the causes of the fire incidents in the respective places, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether some persons have been arrested for alleged sabotage activities such as setting fire in jhuggis; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 13 persons died in these incidents of fire.

(c) A sum of Rs. 43,87,500 has been disbursed as *ex-gratia* payment to the occupants of the affected jhuggis and Rs. 1,30,000 to the next of the kin of the deceased.

(d) Magisterial inquiry has been ordered into the fire incident of Motia Khan.

(e) 2 persons have been arrested in a case relating to fire in Shahbad Deri.